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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no ☒

Property Name: 1220 Perryman Road Inventory Number: HA-2186
Address: 1220 Perryman Road Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Aberdeen Zip Code: 21001 County: Harford
USGS Quadrangle(s): Perryman
Property Owner: Floyd and Charlotte Wadsworth Tax Account ID Number: 02-071509
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 212 Tax Map Number: 58
Project: MD 159 over Cranberry Run Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration
Preparer's Name: Melissa Blair Date Prepared: 10/10/2007
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Located in the Perryman vicinity in southern Harford County, 1220 Perryman Road is a 7.7 acres property that contains a single-family dwelling and two domestic outbuildings. Constructed circa 1922, the frame dwelling is a two-and-one-half-story, four-square house. The house has elements of both the Colonial Revival and the Prairie styles, although it is not an overt example of either style. The main block of the dwelling forms a rectangular footprint, three bays wide and four bays deep, with a two-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch attached to the rear (west) elevation. The building sits atop a rusticated concrete block foundation. Walls are clad in vinyl siding and a slate hipped roof tops the structure. The roof features large hipped roof dormers on the northern, eastern, and southern slopes, and interior brick chimneys punctuate the northern and western slopes. The majority of the windows throughout the structure are original one-over-one, double-hung, wood sash windows flanked with wooden louvered shutters.

A wraparound porch dominates the front façade, or east elevation. The asphalt-shingled porch roof is supported by eleven round columns connected by a simple wooden balustrade. Exposed rafter tails are visible under the eaves of the porch roof. The wooden porch floor is supported by rusticated concrete block piers and a trellis apron covers the crawl space between the piers. The main entrance consists of a wood paneled and glazed front door covered by a wood screen door. First-story windows on this façade are

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paired one-over-one, double-hung, wood sashes with louvered shutters. The second story has a single window above the main entrance and two paired windows placed directly above the first-story windows. The hipped dormer is lit by a pair of six-pane attic lights.

There is a side entrance located in the center of the south elevation. Windows on this elevation consist of two small six-pane awning windows without shutters and three one-over-one, double-hung, wood sash windows with louvered shutters. The dormer is identical to the dormer on the front facade.

The west elevation features a two-story shed roof projection, which was once a porch. The enclosure is sided in vinyl and has aluminum windows. Windows on the first-story of the main block have been replaced, but there is an original second story window with louvered shutters. There is no dormer on this elevation.

The north elevation has two six-pane awning windows and a side entrance sheltered by the wraparound porch. The porch extends across two-thirds of the first story, leaving an additional first story window unsheltered. The second story has four one-over-one, double-hung, wood sash windows with louvered shutters. Several windows are protected by wood storm windows. The dormer on the northern slope of the roof is identical to those on the east and south elevations.

There are two outbuildings to the northeast of the dwelling; a front-gable garage sided with weatherboard and a cement-block building that may serve as a guest house or workshop. The garage is contemporaneous to the house, while the concrete block building was a latter addition to the property. The yard features a variety of mature coniferous and deciduous trees, and decorative shrubs are planted around the dwelling. A large portion of the property is wooded, particularly the area adjacent to Cranberry Run, which is west of the house.

The property was once part of a large colonial land grant known as Cranberry Hall. In 1694, John Hall received a patent containing over 1,500 acres located on the east side of the upper reaches of the Bush River, extending from Sod Run north to Cranberry Run (Wright 1967, 21). The property remained in the hands of the Hall family for generations. Sometime in the mid-nineteenth-century, John C. C. Hall willed the land to his nephew, Josias Lemmon (Harford County Land Records 1893 77:192). In the 1870s, Josias Lemmon lived on the east side of the intersection of present-day Spestuia Road and Cranberry Road, about three-quarter mile southwest of 1220 Perryman Road (Martenet 1878), but he was living in Baltimore City at the time of his death. In 1893, Josias's widow, Catherine E. Lemmon, and her three daughters sold four parcels of land totaling 203 acres to Morgan Mitchell for \$6,800 (Harford County Land Records 1893 77:188). Most likely, Mitchell acquired the land to expand his farm, as one of the Lemmons' parcels was adjacent to land Mitchell already owned.

By the mid-nineteenth century, members of the Mitchell family had acquired land all around the Perryman area, which was then known as Perrymansville (Jennings and Herrick 1858). The Mitchell family was one of several families that played a role in establishing the canning industry in Harford County. One of the larger Harford County canners, F.O. Mitchell and Brothers, operated in Perryman from 1882 until 1985 and were known for their canned shoe peg sweet corn (Baltimore Sun 1952). In 1888, Morgan Mitchell opened his own canning factory with his sons, Ralph and Julian Mitchell (Kee 2006, 54). The 1919 Directory of Canners listed Mitchell as the owner of a factory in Aberdeen that produced canned corn. He was still in business in 1927, but there were no canneries in Harford County operating under his name by 1960 (Kee 2006, 323, 368, 404).

In April of 1922, Mitchell sold 9 acres of the 203 acres he had acquired from the Lemmons to Robert Leslie and Mabel Carroll Hughes (Harford County Land Records 1922 178:81). Based on this land transfer and the architectural style of the house, it is likely that either Mitchell built the house soon before the sale of the property or that the Hughes' built the house shortly after they purchased the property. Although current tax records give a construction date of 1937, it is more probable that the house dates to

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the 1920s. In 1965, Mabel Carroll Hughes sold the current 7.7-acre parcel to the current owners, Lloyd J. and Charlotte S. Wadsworth (Harford County Land Records 1965 685:197).

The property at 1220 Perryman Road is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The property is not eligible under Criterion A as it does not have an association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. Although the land was once part of a large colonial land grant and was later part of the holdings of an early Harford County canner, the structures at 1220 Perryman Road do not have a specific association with Harford County's colonial history or with the canning industry.

The property is not associated with significant persons in the local, regional, or national history, and is therefore not eligible under Criterion B. There is no evidence that Morgan Mitchell was distinctly significant in comparison to other Harford County cannery owners, or that the property illustrates any of its previous owners' specific accomplishments.

1220 Perryman Road is not eligible under Criterion C as an embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or as a representation of the work of a master, nor does it possess high artistic values. The dwelling is a common architectural form found throughout the country and lacks individual architectural distinction. Furthermore, the property has been subjected to alterations during the second half of the twentieth century that have diminished its historic integrity, including the installation of vinyl siding throughout the dwelling and a porch enclosure.

The property was not evaluated under Criterion D as part of this survey.

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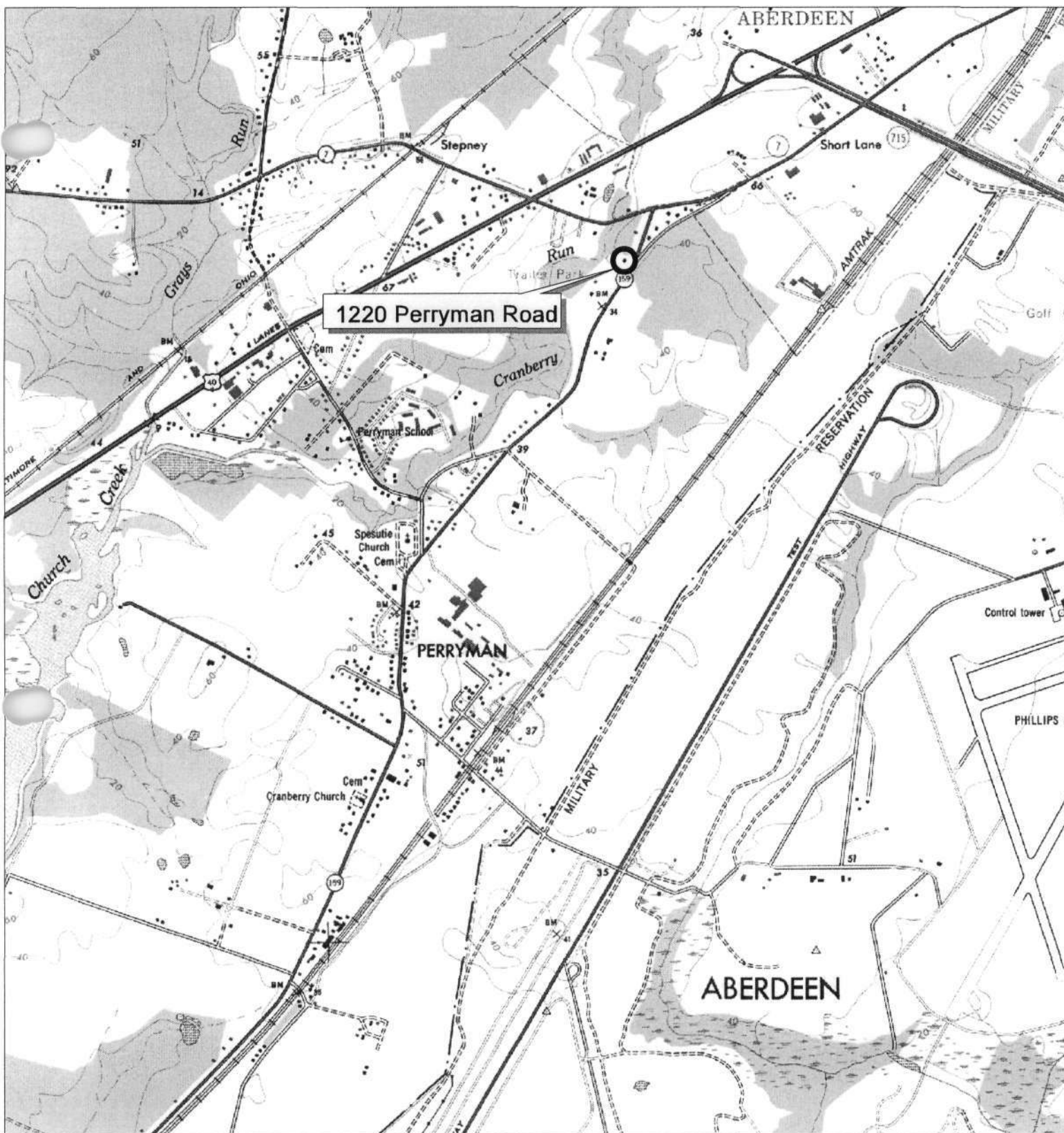
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East and North Elevations, View West

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South Elevation, View North

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Outbuildings, View North

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Cement block Outbuilding, East Elevation

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